

## **CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries**

### **Economic & Community Development**

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on October 28, 2008. The committee was given a brief summary on the progress of *GO TO 2040* as well as an update on the scenario construction process. They were informed that in the coming months the working committees will actively participate in tweaking the characteristics of each scenario and in defining each one more clearly through webinar based meetings. Staff was asked to provide visuals showing how their role as a committee fed into the process. The committee was notified that a consulting firm named RCF had been awarded a contract to look at specific strategies related to economic development such as innovation, technology transfer and cultural amenities. It was emphasized that this proposal will assist in the development of the *GO TO 2040* Regional Plan. The committee acknowledged this was important, but emphasized that CMAP has an important role to develop a concrete ED strategy that can be used for the regional plan as well as provide technical assistance for professionals in the region. This must not be lost in the process.

The Economic and Community Development Committee also met on November 25, 2008. The committee reviewed a summary of their accomplishments for the year, which included providing feedback on comprehensive planning efforts and related reports, developing economic and community development indicators for the regional indicators project, discussing and supporting the cluster analysis report, and providing assistance and feedback to the community and technical assistance unit. RCF, an economic consulting firm, gave a presentation on the strategy paper for economic development. They reviewed a list of preliminary economic development strategies to include: "Innovation" strategies, such as the growth of industry clusters and increasing technology transfer from research and development institutions; telecommunications infrastructure; green energy production and growth of green jobs; cultural planning and amenities; import substitution/export promotion. The committee identified several reports that have been completed in the region on innovation and technology transfer and agreed to compile them. It was also agreed that the committee would have a small group of members to meet with the consultant and provide further insight on work already in progress. To avoid future duplication of efforts, the committee asked for future updates on this project as the work progresses. The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development Committee will be on Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

### **Environment & Natural Resources**

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment & Natural Resources committee met on November 5, 2008. The meeting was focused on activities related to *GO TO 2040*. Staff updated the committee on modeling work being undertaken for the *GO TO 2040* plan strategies and discussed the focus groups that will be held for technical review of the strategies. Additionally, CMAP staff recently drafted a letter to Chicago Wilderness leadership to try to inform

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the CW Consortium of the overall approach being taken to natural resource conservation in the regional comprehensive plan and to ask for feedback on it. The committee was also asked to review and discuss this approach. The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

### **Housing**

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The CMAP Housing committee on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> provided information and elicited discussion on several ongoing CMAP initiatives. CMAP staff member, Stephen Ostrander, provided the housing committee a presentation on CMAP's upcoming scenario design workshops. These workshops will involve a diversity of communities across the region in an interactive design program in which the four scenarios for the *GO TO 2040* plan will be applied locally to help visualize what each scenario might look like. Mr. Ostrander also provided the housing committee with an overview of CMAP's new Return on Investment Tool- a mechanism for municipal planners to develop and understand the financial feasibility of potential development sites. Lee Deuben of CMAP, and Joanna Trotter of the Metropolitan Planning Council, provided an update on the Corridor Development Initiative planning processes in Hyde Park and North Lawndale. They reported that the interactive nature of bringing both architects and developers to the table during the public meeting was highly successful in both educating community members as well as in developing well-thought out recommendations for future development. Lee Deuben provided updates on the CMAP, Mayors Caucus, MPC and Metropolis 2020 partnership initiatives in regards to foreclosures. She discussed our involvement in working with the Regional Homeownership Preservation Initiative as well as our work with NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) recipients. She announced a series of meetings that will take place regarding NSP in December with groups of experts at the CMAP offices. The committee discussed many aspects of the NSP program including the potential for private sector involvement and the status of the plans. Last, Adam Gross reported on initiatives underway with Business and Professional Peoples for the Public Interest (BPI) with support from CMAP, to develop a best practice manual and a legislative agenda regarding foreclosures.

### **Human Services**

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services committee met in October, November, and December. At these meetings a number of issues were discussed. Highlights from the October meeting included discussing the RTA's proposed FY08 program of projects for JARC and New Freedom along with working on selection criteria changes for these programs. In November the focus was on the *GO TO 2040* planning process, specifically scenario development and outlining the next steps in the process, and discussing how the work of the lead agencies that the Chicago Community Trust is working with will be presented to the committee. In December the focus of the discussion is on the 211

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strategy report and statewide planning efforts. There will also be a presentation by the Red Cross on their Regional Preparedness Initiative (RPI). At the November meeting the committee chose a new Vice-Chair, Tammy Wierciak to replace Holly Smith who is leaving the committee. Tammy will also represent the Human Services committee on the Programming committee starting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2008.

### **Land Use**

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee last met on October 15. Bob Dean gave an update on the scenario evaluation process of *GO TO 2040*, and Committee Chair Mark Avery briefed the Committee on the status of Developments of Regional Importance. Stephen Ostrander introduced the Committee to the new Technical Assistance Providers Directory, which will easily allow a visitor to CMAP's website to find groups and organizations that may be able to assist communities with technical planning expertise. Stephen also described the contours of the just-launched Community Design Workshops that will involve design professionals in illustrating various *GO TO 2040* alternative scenarios. Doug Ferguson walked the Committee through the new interactive Transportation Improvement Program map, which integrates with Google's mapping technology to effectively visualize funded transportation improvements. The Committee did not meet in November. The next regularly-scheduled meeting date is December 17.

### **Transportation**

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The committee approved amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amended Chicago's Congestion Reduction Initiative Bus Rapid Transit Projects into the TIP. With the amendments occurring, Federal Fiscal Year 2008 was removed from the TIP and FFY 2012 became part of the TIP and is no longer solely for information. The committee accepted a new state and regional resources table to accurately represent 2009 resources.

RTA provided an update on work on the system wide performance measures. The committee discussed several aspects of the *GO TO 2040* initiatives including the development of the financial plan, scenario development, public private partnerships, and the air quality snapshot.

DuPage County presented a web-based crash analysis system that was developed using Unified Work Program (UWP) funds. UIC presented the findings of a study that analyzed nationwide outcomes of the Job Access Reverse Program (JARC). The committee will meet again on December 12.

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### **Citizens' Advisory Committee**

Staff Contact: John Allen

At its October 6 meeting the CAC welcomed two new members: Juan Moreno and Steve Lazzara. The committee was briefed on upcoming outreach efforts to explain the Developments of Regional Importance process, received an overview of the new TIP Mapping System and discussed both the CN Railway's proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railway and how funding under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 might be dispersed in Illinois. The CAC nominating committee nominated Andrea Powell as CAC co-chair, with the election deferred until the December meeting.